

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May the Light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ shine ever more brightly in your heart by the power of his Spirit.

VISITORS We are pleased that you have joined us this morning to lift your voice with ours in praising the only true God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are from this area and are looking for a church home, please feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

RADIO MINISTRY Our congregation has a radio ministry to serve our sick and homebound and to reach the souls of our community. Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE and all other electrical devices to help minimize distractions during Divine Worship. Thank you.

TO ASSIST YOU Just ask an usher! We have six **large print hymnals** available. **Personal public address systems** are available for the hearing impaired. **Children's bulletins** suitable for preschool-age through grade 4 are available. A **cry room with audio feed** and a **window into the sanctuary** is available for parents who find it necessary to carry their children out of the sanctuary during the service. It is located to the left as you enter the narthex. **Family restrooms** are available in the multi-purpose room off the narthex or on the right side of the large hallway leading to the school wing.

HOLY COMMUNION Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason we respectfully request that all of those who are not members of the WELS or our sister ELS please speak with one of the pastors before communing with us. We remind you to be sure to fill out a communion registration card and place it in the offering plate. For your personal preparation before communing, turn to pages 156 and 11 in the front of the hymnal. Thank you.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Lord let your Word within me shine as the fairest star; keep sin and all false doctrine forever from me far. Help me confess you truly and with all Christendom here hail you King and Savior and in the world to come. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

SERVICE THEME Jesus is revealed as the Light of the World, the Savior of Jews and Gentiles (non-Jews) alike.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of Word and Sacrament on page 26 in the front of the hymnal

HYMNS OF THE DAY

709 (in bulletin); 92; 79; 82; 355

PRAYER OF THE DAY Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-7

Through the second of Isaiah's "Servant Songs", the Messiah rejoices in his task of bringing salvation to both the Children of Israel and all the Gentile nations.

Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name. He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor." But I said, "I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my

strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD’s hand, and my reward is with my God.” And now the LORD says — he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength—he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.” This is what the LORD says—the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: “Kings will see you and rise up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

SECOND LESSON

Acts 13:38-49

The Gospel is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes—first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

“My brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses. Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you: ‘Look, you scoffers, wonder and perish, for I am going to do something in your days that you would never believe, even if someone told you.’” As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath. When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God. On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and talked abusively against what Paul was saying. Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: “We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For this is what the Lord has commanded us: ‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’” When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed. The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.

VERSE OF THE DAY

page 30 in the front of the hymnal

GOSPEL

John 1:29-41

John the Baptist revealed to Israel that Jesus is their Savior, and the Savior of the world.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.” Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God.” The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour. Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).

Follow the Lamb Home

Pastor Zuberbier

1. Longing to know more about him.
2. Inviting others to know more about him.

ORGANIST Pam Zuberbier

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Jill Reynolds

10:30 ~ Gib and Ann Trewin; June Kartos

This Week at St. Peter’s
www.stpetersfdl.net/calendar

TODAY	9:00am	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/DoC Blood Pressure Screening after each service
	11:30am	Voter’s Meeting
	12:00pm	WELS Youth Volleyball Tournament
MONDAY	3:15pm	Faculty Meeting
	6:00pm	School Board Meeting
	7:00pm	Adult Bells
	7:15pm	Board of Outreach
TUESDAY	6:30pm	Board of Elders

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	7:00pm	Communicating Christ
WEDNESDAY	10:00am	Midweek Bible Class
	6:00pm	Adult Choir
	7:00pm	Midweek Bible Class
	7:10pm	Voices of Faith
THURSDAY	5:00pm	Board of Youth Discipleship
	6:30pm	Worship
	7:30pm	Board of Adult Discipleship
FRIDAY	East Central Basketball Tournament through Sunday	
SATURDAY	8:00pm	Alcoholism Awareness Support Group

Daily Bible Readings

01/15	1 Timothy 2	01/19	1 Tim. 5:1-6:2
01/16	1 Tim. 3:1-13	01/20	1 Tim. 6:3-21
01/17	1 Tim. 3:14-4:5	01/21	Titus 1
01/18	1 Tim. 4:6-16		

Last Week's Stewardship

Worship: 93 + 155 + 224 = 472

Midweek Bible Class: 01/04: 11+11=22

Sunday Bible Class: 60

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
First Fruits to the Lord:		
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$19,422.09	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	2,228.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	21,650.09	\$38,399.59
Requirement to support the unified budget	29,210.17	58,420.34
Overage (Shortfall)	(7,560.08)	(20,020.75)
Improvement Fund	45.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	597.50	
Honoring the LORD!	160.00	
SPLS Tuition Assistance	20.00	
Parking Lot Expansion/Athletic Field Improvement	20.00	

Our Parking Lot/Athletic Fields (soccer and softball) project cost is \$153,565.77. To date, \$147,111.12 has been received, leaving \$6,454.65 to be gathered.

MEDITATIONS AND FORWARD IN CHRIST The current issue of *Meditations* and the January issue of *Forward in Christ* are both available in the narthex.

VOTERS MEETING A voters meeting will be held today immediately following the 10:30 service in the multi-purpose room. The proposed 2017 unified budget will be presented and voted on. We will also be voting for officers and board members to fill expired terms. Following is the list of candidates who have agreed to place their name in nomination. We will be electing one person for each board, except for Board of Elders, we will elect two. We thank these gentlemen for their willingness to serve their Lord.

- Treasurer: Josh Guell (incumbent), Luke Kaspar
- Vision Coordinator: Bryon Trewin (incumbent)
- Board of Outreach: Chad Birkholz, Courtney Meyer
- Board of Adult Discipleship: Jacob Freiberg, Chad Trapp
- Board of Youth Discipleship: Troy Schwartz, Ed Spanbauer III
- School Board: Christopher Jerabek, Tyler Radke
- Board of Elders (elect 2): Eric Freiberg (incumbent), Kevin Westphal
- Board of Church Properties: Steven Horn, Kurt Turdo Jr.
- WLA Plenary Board: John Freiberg, Ryan Gudex

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING is offered by our parish nurses in the conference room after each service this morning.

BAPTISMS Ada Sue Balfour, newborn daughter of Alysa and Brian Balfour, was received into the Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Friday, January 6. May Ada always remain faithful to her baptismal covenant.

MEMORIALS

- † Family and friends have given \$585 to the General Fund and \$15 to the Radio Ministry in memory of Lorene Oldenburg.
- † The Gleaners have given a special gift to the General Fund in memory of Lorene Oldenburg who was an honorary member.
- † Family and friends of Shirley Schommer have given \$500 to the Parking Lot/Athletic Field project in her memory.
- † Family and friends have given \$150 to the General Fund and \$200 to the Church Music Fund in memory of Bonny Zarbock.

FAMILY DEVOTIONS: As you have probably noticed, there are quite a few new families that have joined St. Peter's. These families include many young children. The Board of Adult Discipleship would like to assist these young families in the spiritual education of their children.

Over the next two weeks, we would like to encourage our older members/families to scour their well-used libraries and cull out the spiritual material you used when your families were younger. Little Visits with God, My First Bible, would be excellent examples. Bring these books to church and place in the provided basket. After a couple of weeks, the donated material will be offered to our younger families.

This is a wonderful opportunity to recycle some of your religious books and assist our young families with the spiritual material needed to train up their children in the ways of the Lord.

VOLLEYBALL Looking for something to do after football season? Maybe a little exercise? Come join our volleyball league! WELS United is hosting a volleyball league open to all our WELS members 16 years of age and up. The games will be played Sunday evenings, February 12 through March 19 at either 4 or 5pm in our St. Peter's gym. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex. You can sign up as individuals, with a family member, or a friend. Once the names are compiled, we will draft teams and you will be contacted by your team captain.

WLA'S MISSION ADVANCEMENT TEAM will be hosting regional open forums to get input on future plans for the Academy. This is an opportunity to provide valuable input and feedback on future plans for WLA. Regional dates and locations are as follows: Tuesday, January 24th 6:30 at St. John's, Lomira (date changed); and Wednesday, February 1st 6:30 at Grace, Oshkosh. WLA will also host a second open forum February 22nd at 6:00.

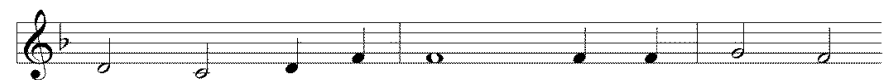
LET'S CELEBRATE is Sunday, January 29, from 11:30 until 4:00pm. The WLA Booster Club will be serving lunch this year from 12:00 to 2:00. Dessert and ice cream will be available, along with entertainment provided by WLA and the Association grade schools. There will be games for kids on the east mezzanine. Items for the silent auction can be dropped off in the WLA office during regular business hours. If you would like to bake pies or tortes, please contact Aaron Bilitz, Coordinator of Mission Partnerships at abilitz@wlavikings.org or 921-4930.

WLA AUXILIARY The Winnebago Lutheran Academy Ladies Auxiliary will meet in the WLA commons Friday, January 20th at 2:00. All ladies are welcome to come find out how this group supports our Area Lutheran High School.

709 Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert



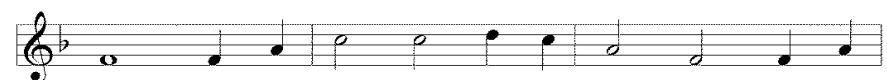
1 Christ, your foot - prints through the des - ert Led to
 2 Christ, you heard the stir - ring sum - mons As by
 3 Son of God, the road from Jor - dan Led at
 4 God, in Bap - tism you have made us One with



Jor - dan's flow - ing stream. There you heard the
 Jor - dan's bank you stood; Bathed, though sin - less,
 last to Cal - v'ry's hill. There up - on the
 Christ, our ris - en Lord; Freed us, claimed us,



her - ald cry - ing Is - rael's old pro - phet - ic
 with your peo - ple In the riv - er's cleans - ing
 cross for - sak - en, You ful - filled the Fa - ther's
 cleansed, for - giv - en Through the wa - ter and the



dream: "He is com - ing! He is com - ing! He will
 flood. High a - bove, the heav - ens o - pened; Came the
 will. Lamb of God, we see you dy - ing, Sin - less,
 Word. Help us hear your ur - gent sum - mons, Call - ing



cleanse the earth with flame! Sin - ners, plunge be - neath the
 Spir - it as a dove; Spoke a voice be - yond all
 yet for sin - ners slain. But where death rose up to
 us to serve you now. Send us forth, your sons and



wa - ters! Wash a - way your guilt and shame!"
 hear - ing: "See my Son, the one I love!"
 tri - umph, You be - gan your glo - rious reign!
 daugh - ters, With the cross up - on our brow.

This hymn not only underscores the significance of our Lord's baptism in his work of salvation but also demonstrates the intimate connection between his baptism and our own.

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 Tune: BEACH SPRING (87 87 D) *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844



Second Sunday After the Epiphany

January 15, 2017